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The Honorable Michael A. Ponsor
United States District Court for
the District of Massachusetts
Federal Building and Courthouse
1550 Main Street
Springfield, MA 01103

**Re: Arise for Social Justice, et al. v. City of Springfield and
Springfield Election Commission - Civil Action No. 05-30080-MAP**

Dear Judge Ponsor:

Insofar as plaintiffs plan to seek a preliminary injunction in advance of the November 2005 election in the City of Springfield, plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court expedite the initial Rule 16 conference in the above case.

Very truly yours,

/s/Paul E. Nemser

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cc: City of Springfield
Springfield Election Commision

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